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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications & Energy
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: Petition of Verizon New England Inc. for Arbitration; D.T.E. 04-33

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Pursuant to the Revised Procedural Schedule issued on February 14, 2005, enclosed for filing is a Joint Matrix of Issues to be Arbitrated in the above proceeding. The Matrix is filed on behalf of the following parties, who stipulate and agree that the issues included in the Matrix are appropriate for determination in this case, with the exception of issues 16(e) and (f), to which Verizon MA objects, as noted in the Matrix.

The stipulating parties are: Verizon MA, AT&T Communications of New England, Inc., ACC Corporation, Teleport Communications-Boston ("TCG"), Conversent Communications of Massachusetts, LLC, Sprint, MCI, RNK Telecom, WilTel, Budget Phone, Inc., Covista, Inc., McGraw Communications, Inc., BCN Telecom, Inc., Acceris Communications Corp., New Horizons Communications Corp., the Competitive Carrier Coalition (which includes ACN, DSLnet, Focal, Lightship and RCN), CTC, PAETEC Communications, Inc., and the Competitive Carrier Group.¹ This includes all parties that have participated in the discussions resulting in the Joint Matrix. The parties reserve their rights to revise, modify, and/or otherwise supplement their position statements contained in the Matrix.

¹ The Matrix is filed on behalf of the following members of the Competitive Carrier Group: Allegiance Telecom of Massachusetts, Inc., A.R.C. Networks Inc. d/b/a InfoHighway Communications Corporation, Broadview Networks Inc. and Broadview NP Acquisition Corp., Bullseye Telecom Inc., ClearTel Telecommunications f/k/a Essex Acquisition Corp., DIECA Communications, Inc. d/b/a Covad Communications Company, DSCI Corp., IDT America Corp., KMC Telecom V, Inc., Talk America, Inc., XO Communications, Inc. and XO Massachusetts, Inc.

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Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Alexander W. Moore

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Enclosure

cc: Service List (e-mail)